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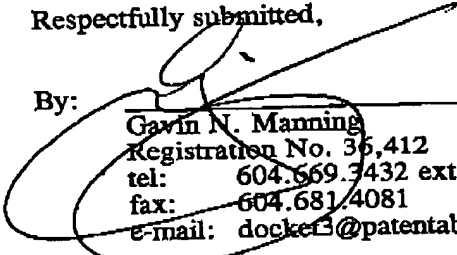
**AMENDMENT**

In response to the restriction requirement set out in the office action mailed on 27 April 2004, the Applicant elects Group II (claims 7-24) with traverse. As noted below, Applicant submits that Group II should include claims 7-21 and 24. The Applicant looks forward to further favourable action on this application.

The Applicant traverses the Examiner's grouping of claims because claims 22 and 23 respectively relate to a programmed computer and a computer program product which depend from claim 1. Consequently, Applicant submits that claims 22 and 23 should be classified in Group I together with claims 1 thru 6 and not in Group II together with claims 7 thru 21 and 24.

Respectfully submitted,

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